

**SENATE BILL 1, FEBURARY 2006 SPECIAL SESSION (LRB -4606)**

An Act to create 20.505 (1) (qm) of the statutes; relating to: increasing low-income energy assistance and making an appropriation. (FE)

**2006**

- 02-15. S. Introduced by joint committee on **FINANCE**, by request of Governor James E. Doyle.
- 02-15. S. Read first time and referred to joint committee on Finance ..... 599
- 02-24. S. Fiscal estimate received.
- 03-02. S. Withdrawn from joint committee on Finance and taken up.
- 03-02. S. Read a second time.
- 03-02. S. Senate amendment 1 offered by Senator S. Fitzgerald (**LRB a2580**).
- 03-02. S. Senate amendment 1 **adopted**.
- 03-02. S. Rules suspended.
- 03-02. S. Senator Lassa added as a coauthor.
- 03-02. S. Senator Carpenter added as a coauthor.
- 03-02. S. Read a third time and **passed**, Ayes 29, Noes 4.
- 03-02. S. Senator Miller added as a coauthor.
- 03-02. S. Ordered immediately messaged.
- 03-02. A. Received from Senate.
- 03-02. A. Read.
- 03-02. A. Rules suspended and taken up.
- 03-02. A. Read a second time.
- 03-02. A. Ordered to a third reading.
- 03-02. A. Rules suspended.
- 03-02. A. Read a third time and **concurred in**, Ayes 93, Noes 4.
- 03-02. A. Ordered immediately messaged.
- 03-03. S. Received from Assembly concurred in.

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## SENATE BILL 1

February 15, 2006 - Introduced by JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, by request of Governor James E. Doyle. Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.505 (1) (qm) of the statutes; **relating to:** increasing  
2 low-income energy assistance and making an appropriation.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, using federal funds, the Department of Administration (department) administers a low-income energy assistance program. Eligible households receive payments to assist with the cost of home energy. Currently, payments are calculated using a benefit schedule created by the department that takes into account household income, family size, and energy costs. Current law specifies which households are eligible for low-income energy assistance, including households with an annual income that is not more than 150 percent of the federal poverty line.

Under this bill, in fiscal year 2005-06, a household with an annual income that is not more than 206.7 percent of the federal poverty line is eligible to receive low-income energy assistance. The bill provides \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 from the petroleum inspection fund for payments to households that qualify under the one-time expansion of eligibility.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

**SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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**20.505 Administration, department of**

(1) SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT

(qm) Low-income energy assistance;

petroleum inspection fund	SEG	A	6,000,000	-0-
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**SECTION 2.** 20.505 (1) (qm) of the statutes is created to read:

20.505 (1) (qm) *Low-income energy assistance; petroleum inspection fund.*

From the petroleum inspection fund, the amounts in the schedule for low-income energy assistance under 2005 Wisconsin Act ... (this act), section 3 (1).

**SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.**

(1) Notwithstanding section 16.27 (5) of the statutes, in fiscal year 2005-06, a household with an annual income that does not exceed 206.7 percent of the federal poverty line is eligible to receive low-income energy assistance under section 16.27 of the statutes. Notwithstanding section 16.27 (2), (3), and (6) of the statutes, the department of administration shall pay low-income energy assistance benefits under this subsection from the appropriation accounts under section 20.505 (1) (qm) of the statutes, as affected by this act.

(END)

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**SENATE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO SENATE BILL 1**

March 2, 2006 – Offered by Senator S. FITZGERALD.

At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

**1.** Page 2, line 14: delete lines 14 to 19 and substitute "household with an annual income that is not less than 150 percent of the federal poverty line but does not exceed 175 percent of the federal poverty line is eligible to receive low-income energy assistance under section 16.27 of the statutes. Notwithstanding section 16.27 (4) of the statutes, a household may apply for low-income energy assistance under this subsection no later than May 15, 2006. Notwithstanding section 16.27 (2), (3), and (6) of the statutes, after reviewing all timely applications for low-income energy assistance under this subsection, the department of administration shall establish a benefit schedule for low-income energy assistance under this subsection based on household income, family size, and energy costs, and shall pay low-income energy assistance benefits under this subsection according to the schedule from the

1 appropriation account under section 20.505 (1) (qm) of the statutes, as affected by  
2 this act.”

3 (END)